

as we have today. May I take this opportunity to thank Doctor Musgrave and Doctor Wilbur, as well as the officers of the Association, the committees, and the members, for the co-operation which they have given to make possible such a program as this?

Miss Lohne, president of the American Physiotherapy Association, was called upon, and said:

"Miss Furscott has stated the aims of the California Association, and they are exactly the same in the National Association. When the California Association invited us to hold a joint meeting with them, we accepted because we felt that they could help us because they had gotten along so wonderfully and we were still struggling along. Our National organization only has one meeting a year, and the members are scattered throughout the whole United States; so it is rather hard to get suggestions and help from them. There are several local chapters in the East and in the Middle West. The California Association is standing by itself, more or less, but having individuals who are members of our organization. That association is a member of the Medical Association, and we are hoping that, by coming out here and learning how they went about it, and getting their co-operation now, and during the A. M. A. meeting, that we can accomplish the same thing for the National organization.

"During the war those of us who went in rather early met the problem of well-trained people. Some doctors, even famous doctors, would say, 'It does not make any difference, we do not need technically trained people because we would rather train our own.' One doctor went as far as to say that he could take anybody and train them. Well, the army discovered that that did not work, and so they have now established a course of physiotherapy, and applicants for that must have had a two years' course before on physical education. They realize that anybody cannot do the work and do it scientifically. Our aim is to try to get schools established that will train people to give the medical profession the very best service, because we know very well that it is economically wrong to have people who are not trained, as well as wrong from the standpoint of the patient. People will say that a patient is improving under physiotherapeutic treatment very well, but they have no idea what the treatment might accomplish if administered by adequately trained technicians.

"And so we came out here this year, hoping that the doctors would give us the co-operation that we need and the boost that we need to go ahead. We have about 250 members. Each one of those members is anxious to see the National Association united in some way with the American Medical Association and working under their direction. Otherwise, aside from that, the aims of our association are just exactly the same as those of the California Association, and I am going to leave the rest of our troubles until the business meeting, so that we can call on the speakers of the afternoon and hear their papers, and not trouble you with the trials that we are now working under."

JOINT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN PHYSIOTHERAPY ASSOCIATION AND THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF PHYSIOTHERAPISTS.

The scientific and technical program on physiotherapy was given before a joint meeting of the National and State associations. The meeting was attended by a large and interested audience, and the program probably has not been excelled by any meeting anywhere. The first speaker, Doctor Joel Goldthwait of Boston, had as his subject, "How to Keep Ourselves Fit." He said in part:

"The medical profession is gradually coming to understand that there is something in posture treatment. They do not know quite what, and they do not know how to get away with it; but it is a thing that they should be paying some attention to, and they are sending their patients more and more to physiotherapists, expecting that you, in some way, will make them fit. The responsibility is upon you more than it should be, many times, but that is due to the ignorance of some of my profession.

"The textbooks on anatomy teach that there is one human type. This is not a fact. The athletic trainer, from time immemorial, has known perfectly well that there were a lot of types, as well as there are among all the lower animals. You have your race horse, and you have your truck horse at the other end of the line, and you have the family horse in between. In the human family you have exactly the same variations, and you expect entirely different physical reactions from each. That is the thing everyone should understand, my profession perhaps more than any other group, and yet my profession understands it apparently less than any of them at the present time, judging by the way medicine is being taught today."

Tait McKenzie of Philadelphia discussed "The Place of Manipulation and Corrective Gymnastics in Treatment." This paper will be published in the California State Journal of Medicine.

"Physiotherapy in Relation to Orthopedic Problems of the Shoulder, Girdle, and Arm" was the subject of a paper by C. LeRoy Lowman of Los Angeles.

"The Place of the Physiotherapist in the Treatment of Infantile Paralysis" was discussed by John C. Wilson, Los Angeles.

Both these papers will be published in the Physiotherapy Review.

COUNTY NEWS

[As many of the County Medical Societies are not holding meetings during the summer months and the county officers are on their vacations, few reports have been sent the Journal, but it is hoped that, beginning with October, we will be able to give our readers interesting news each month from every county in the State.—Editor.]

MONTEREY COUNTY

Monterey County Medical Society (reported by T. C. Edwards, secretary)—The Monterey County Medical Society had its regular meeting at Hotel Jeffery on August 3, 1923. There was a good attendance to hear Wm. C. Voorsanger of San Francisco talk on "The Sane Treatment of Tuberculosis." The doctor pointed with pride to the improvement in the results of treatment within the last twenty years. He called attention to the absolute necessity of having full co-operation of the patient. The psychology of the patient has a great deal to do toward the success of treatment. The talk was illustrated with numerous X-ray pictures.

Monterey County Medical Society feels that it has been losing greatly in the past by failing to avail itself of the services of this really post-graduate staff whereby we get the best at home without having to take the time and expense to visit the cities where it would be necessary to go to obtain what we are getting just for the asking. Dr. Voorsanger's talk inspired us with the feeling that we wanted all of this service that it is possible to get.

The Monterey Society also held a meeting on June 3rd, in Salinas. The event of the evening was an illustrated paper by A. B. Spalding of San Francisco on "The Pelvic Fissia, Its Injury During Labor, and Repair of Injuries." The paper was profusely illustrated by lantern slides which made plain some of the points that would have been somewhat hard to understand without the use of the lantern. A general discussion followed. Numerous questions were asked and were answered by Dr. Spalding. A vote of thanks was tendered Dr. Spalding, and the meeting adjourned with all feeling that they were more than paid by being present.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY

San Diego County Medical Society (reported by Robert Pollock)—The new 100-bed addition to the Paradise Valley sanitarium is now rapidly filling up with patients and is relieving the congested condition of that institution.

The San Diego county general hospital announces the following internes for service beginning July 1, 1923: Dr. Nies, graduate of the College of Medical Evangelists, Los Angeles; Dr. Paez, graduate of Rush Medical College, Chicago; Dr. Duncan, graduate Medical Department University of Indiana; Dr. Leland, graduate College of Medical Evangelists, Los Angeles; Dr. Clark, graduate Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia.

The hospital has just installed complete a new high pressure sterilizing outfit in the surgical department. The X-ray department has been improved by the addition of a new Wappler transformer and cabinet.

The Board of Supervisors has recently bought a model dairy farm of about 110 acres on which they will erect proper buildings for the housing and care of the indigents now cared for in the hospital. This will release considerable space for legitimate hospital purposes.

The Board of Supervisors is also planning extensive improvements about the grounds and approaches to the hospital, including boulevarding and parking

of a beautifying character and the paving of drive-ways from the nearest street-car lines. The board has also recently installed new concrete tennis courts for the use of the internes and nurses.

The medical profession of the county is happy in having the co-operation of so intelligent and efficient a Board of Supervisors. About a dozen young women are already enrolled for the freshman class in the training school, taking up their work in September.

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

San Francisco County Medical Society (reported by J. H. Woolsey, secretary)—The following resolution was passed by the board of directors of this society:

Whereas, It has been announced in the public press that the removal of Dr. Morton R. Gibbons from the position of Medical Director of the Industrial Accident Commission of the State of California is imminent; and

Whereas, Dr. Morton R. Gibbons has filled this office to the perfect satisfaction of the people and of the medical profession of the State of California; and

Whereas, No reason, other than political, can be shown for his removal; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the board of directors of the San Francisco County Medical Society, acting for its eight hundred members, emphatically protest against his removal; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be telegraphed to every county medical society in California, and that they be printed in the California State Journal of Medicine, and that copies thereof be furnished to the public press.

Diagnostic Clinics at St. Joseph's Hospital—Undoubtedly the most vivid impressions which linger at St. Joseph's Hospital of San Francisco concerning the convention of the American Medical Association are those left by the diagnostic clinics in this institution on June 25 and 26. The object of these clinics—namely, that they be participated in by local and visiting fellows—was steadfastly adhered to.

Surely it is inspiring for the physicians at St. Joseph's Hospital to view the demonstrations of the national celebrities, and many of the outside medical visitors expressed commendation at the showing of the hospital's representatives. Sisters and lay nurses also evinced a lively interest, and even standing room at times was at a premium.

On Monday, June 25, at 10 a. m., J. M. Wolfsohn of the hospital staff opened with a talk on neurological manifestations in encephalitis lethargica, and demonstrated three patients showing the Parkinsonian syndrome and mirror writing. Lantern slides were also shown. Ethan Smith next spoke on congenital dislocation of the femur, infected gummata of the tibia, and the use of absorbent cotton instead of cotton sheeting, in bone work, presenting radiograms and patients. Lloyd Crow discussed the early diagnosis of phthisis by X-ray of pulmonary glands, and W. T. Cummins spoke briefly on insulin therapy in diabetes. J. R. Pennington of Chicago, chairman of the section on proctology of the A. M. A., closed with a unique lecture on a new method of diagnosis and treatment of rectal diseases, illustrated with scores of lantern slides, many of which were in colors. Luncheon was served to all present.

Tuesday, June 26, George Dock, dean of national clinicians, opened the clinic by demonstrating patients with heart lesions and mediastinal tumors, with X-ray pictures, assisted in his illuminating talk by Wm. Reilly. Wm. Quinn read a paper on surgical problems. L. W. Bremmerman, director of the Urological Hospital of Chicago, discussed diagnosis in his specialty and demonstrated a number of patients, being assisted by Alex. Raymond. The next day, L. W. Bremmerman gave a cystoscopic

clinic. Col. Allen Greenwood of Boston, who was chief eye consultant in the world war, closed the Tuesday program with a talk on "Ophthalmological Pointers," being assisted by Roy Parkinson. Luncheon was then served by the Sisters.

A. S. Musante, head of the hospital staff, presided at the clinics and received expressions of appreciation from the visiting and local doctors of the excellent demonstrations presented.

Variety in Program of St. Joseph's Hospital Staff—On August 8, St. Joseph's Hospital of San Francisco held its regular staff meeting, Dr. A. S. Musante presiding, and Dr. H. Unsinger acting as secretary.

"Meingism and Meningitis" was presented by Harry Deering and discussed by Anna Lyle (the pediatric and typhoid aspects), C. O. Southard (the aural significance) and H. V. Hoffman (the pathological lesion). Interesting case reports were presented by C. E. Taylor (post-operative dilatation of stomach and hemolytic streptococcic pyemia after tubercular adenectomy) and Andrew Nagy (streptococcic infection of hand). F. C. Keck donated several volumes to the library, which was also further enriched by purchases by the staff. H. Unsinger was appointed librarian.

R. C. Kupler, surgeon of St. Anthony's Hospital of Chicago, one of the many institutions operated by the same Sisters here, was a guest of honor, and spoke on staff organization, diagnostic blood culture and walling off of abscesses. Refreshments were served.

Resolutions were adopted in praise of the recent American Medical Association convention, especially the diagnostic clinics and the hospitality of the Sisters, and complimenting Ray Wilbur and W. E. Musgrave upon their election as president and vice-president, respectively, of the organization.

SOLANO COUNTY

Solano County Medical Society (reported by A. V. Doran, secretary)—At a meeting of the Solano County Society, July 31st, the following officers were elected: Dr. S. G. Bransford, president, Suisun; Dr. Ralph Allen, vice-president, Vallejo; Dr. A. V. Doran, secretary-treasurer, Vallejo. New member, Dr. A. G. Bailey of Suisun.

Trustees of A. M. A. Thank California Medical Association For Successful Session in California—The following letter was received from Frank Billings, Secretary of the Board of Trustees:

I am directed by the Board of Trustees of the American Medical Association to extend to you and to the other members of the Local Committee of Arrangements of the Seventy-fourth Annual Meeting of the Association held at San Francisco, California, June 25-29 inclusive, the deep and sincere appreciation of the Board for the splendid, efficient, and practical accomplishments of your committee.

The San Francisco session of the Association was a great success in the business, scientific, and social accomplishments of the meeting.

Please accept for yourself and extend to the members of your committees the appreciative thanks of the Board for the splendid arrangements made for the meeting by your committees and for the resulting successful session of the Association.

Annual Convention of the American Roentgen Ray Society—Among the forthcoming meetings of special societies is the annual convention of the American Roentgen Ray Society. This is to be held in Chicago with headquarters at the Congress Hotel, the time of the meeting being from September 18 to 21. A number of eminent foreign contributors will appear on the program, and the announcements indicate that treatment by high voltage X-ray will have a prominent place on the program.